



American Citizen Services Unit  
U.S. Embassy Santo Domingo  
Warden Message



**TO:** U.S. Citizens  
**FROM:** ACS Unit  
**DATE:** December 29, 2010  
**SUBJECT:** New Consular Report of Birth Abroad

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The Department of State is pleased to announce the introduction of a redesigned Consular Report of Birth Abroad (CRBA). The CRBA is an official record confirming that a child born overseas to a U.S. citizen parent acquired U.S. citizenship at birth. The redesigned document has enhanced security features that make it resistant to alterations or forgery.

CRBAs have been printed at U.S. Embassies and Consulates around the world since 1919. Effective January 3, 2011, all CRBAs will be printed at Department of State facilities in Portsmouth, New Hampshire and New Orleans, Louisiana. Centralizing production ensures improved uniform quality and lessens the threat of fraud. During the transition, the U.S. Consulate will continue to interview applicants, however, there will be a delay in receiving the new CRBA from the United States.

The process for qualified parents to transmit citizenship to their children born in the Dominican Republic remains the same. A U.S. citizen parent must execute an application for a CRBA before a consular officer. If your child is eligible for a Report of Birth, a passport can be obtained at the same time for an additional fee.

First, consult the embassy website for the checklist of required documents and evidence you will need to transmit citizenship. Once you have these, you should schedule an appointment for a consular assistant to review your documents. All appointments are made online at <http://santodomingo.usembassy.gov>.

At the review appointment, one parent or legal guardian should come with the documents to the consular building. Your child does not need to attend. You will then be told what additional documentation is required and receive a second appointment to interview with a consular officer.

For the second interview with the consular officer, both parents and the child must be present. If you are properly prepared and your child qualifies, the officer can approve the Report of Birth and passport the same day.

The Embassy's website <http://santodomingo.usembassy.gov/> provides more information.

The U.S. Embassy will update this warden message if new information becomes available. American citizens should stay current with media coverage of local events and be aware of their surroundings at all times.

American citizens traveling or residing overseas are encouraged to sign up for the free [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program](https://travelregistration.state.gov) (formerly known as “Travel Registration” or “Registration with Embassies”) to receive the latest travel updates and information at <https://travelregistration.state.gov>.

For any emergencies involving American citizens, please contact the American Citizens Services (ACS) Unit of the U.S. Embassy. The Consular Section of the Embassy is located at the corner of Cesar Nicolas Penson Street and Máximo Gómez Avenue, Santo Domingo, D.R.; telephone 809-731-4294; after hours emergency telephone 809-221-2171; ACS unit fax 809-689-6142; e-mail [acssantodom@state.gov](mailto:acssantodom@state.gov); web page [www.usemb.gov.do](http://www.usemb.gov.do).